EASTERN REGION:

Bihar	There is no statutory power cut. However, load shedding is being taken recourse on day to day basis depending upon day-to-day availability.
DVC.	Power cuts/restrictions are imposed on day to day basis as per the order of priority depending upon the availability of power vis-a-vis requirement.
Orissa	No statutory cut. However load shedding is being taken recourse on day to day basis depending upon availability of power.
West Bengal	Nil 160 MW statutory during
N. EASTERN REGION :	Load shedding depending on day to day availability.

Dismantling the Central Electricity Authority

674. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to dismantle the Central Electricity Authority (CEA);

(b) whether the power delegated to the CEA would be transferred to State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Common Minimum National Action Plan for power envisages delegation of further powers to States/ State authorities for clearance of power projects.

Private Power Projects

675. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of power projects together with their generation capacity sanctioned in the private sector since the new economic policy was initiated in 1991 which opened the power sector to private enterprises;

(b) the number of power projects, out of these that have got off the ground and the quantum of power being produced by them; and

(c) the reasons why a large number of the sanctioned projects failed to come up and the steps being taken toTremove the* hurdles to step-up power generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Details of the scheme for setting up power projects in the private sector which have been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(b) Of the projects listed in the Annexure, those which have commenced partial generation are given below: